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PRESIDENT CARRANZA KILLED, AS ARE FUGITIVE **COMPANIONS IN MEXICO**

Follows Attack by Gen. Herrera at Tlaxcalantongo.

OBREGON MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Former Mexican Ambassador Here Reported With Chief.

MENICO CITY, May 21.-President Venustiano Carranza, who, with a small party of followers, has been a

fugitive in the mountains of Pueblo since late last week, was killed at Tlaxcalantongo early Thursday morning, according to official announcement here. His companions, the names of whom are unknown, also were killed.

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Gen. Rodolfo Herreva, it is said, directed the attack that resulted in the death of the fugitive president and his followers. He belonged to forces commanded by Gen. Francisco de P. Mariel. who accompanied Carranza in his flight from this city, but who last week deserted Carranza and joined the revolutionists.

There is some uncertainty regarding the exact affiliation of Gen. Herrera. It is generally believed possible, however, that he commanded a small guard which was with the fleeing president. He was in rebellion against Carranza for several years, centering his operations in the state of Puebla. He surrendered last March to Gen. Muriel, who was in command of government forces in that state.

When Gen. Muriel went over to the revolutionists last week a portion of his troops, it is known, remained loyal to the president, and belief exists that Carranza might have taken along with him, in his flight toward Tuxpam. Herrera's forces, which finally turned against him. Tlaxcalatongo is a small village in the vicinity of Huauchinango, in the northern "panhandle" of the state of Puebla. It is approximately eighty-five miles from San Andrea, where Carranza left his forces and took refuge in the mountains.

The official announcement was given out at 10:30 o'clock tonight from the headquarters of Gen. Alvaro Obregon.

MEXICO CITY, May 22 (by the As-

Train to Receive Bodies.

MEXICO CITY, May 22 (by the Associated Press).—Reports received here early this morning state that Gen. Juan Barragan, chief of the pressure and the pressure of the pressure mer ambassador at Washington; Gen.
Marciano Gonzales and Gen. Federico
Montes, who accompanied President
Carranza in his flight from San Andres, are safe. No mention is made
of the others in the party, which it
is believed included Luis Cabrera,
minister of the treasury; Alfonso Caminister of the treasury; Alfonso Cabrera, his brother, governor of Pueb-la, and Gen. Francisco Murguia, who acted as commander of the Carranza after the president had fled

Orders have been given that a train be taken to Beristain, the nearest railway point to Tlaxcalantongo, to receive the bodies of those killed in the acounter in which Carranza lost his

HAVANA, May 22 (by the Associated

Press) .- Luis Cabrera, minister of the Press).—Luis Cabreta, minister of the Mexican treasury department; Ygnačio Honillas, former Mexican ambassador at Washington, and reputed to be the favored candidate for president of Mexico, and all other members of the Carranza cabinet, accompanied President Carranza in his flight to the mountains of Puebla, according to Mexican newspapers received in this city vesterday.

U. S. Is Without Official Word of Carranza Killing

The State Department has received no word from Charge d'Affaires Sum-merlin regarding the reported killing of President Carranza. No report on the death of Carranza had come to-day from the American embassy in Mexico City and the Associated Press dispatches were the only informa-tion before the government here. If Carranza has been killed, the manner of his death may inject an unlooked for element into the quesrament in Mexico. When President Wilson declined to recognize Huerta after the killing of Madero and Suarez, he outlined, and gave notice would recognize no governments which arose by armed revolution against constitutional authorities. Up to this point the Mexican revolution has been marked by an absence of fighting, and the question of whether the revolutionary forces might be recognized has been left

If it were to be shown that Carranza was killed in a coup d'etat, the overnment probably would go back to President Wilson's originally out-lined policy. If he were killed in battle with the revolutionists, it prob-ably would still be a question as to whether the recognition of his successors came within the policy laid seven years ago.
seven years ago.
details of the Mexican president's death will have to be known fully before the State Department makes any decision which would bear on the questions of recognition, which probably would not be taken up at all until after elections in Mexico. Recalling the attitude assumed by President Wilson a few years ago, when he declared the United States owuld not recognize any government horn of violence, revolutionary agents here were frankly concerned and took immediate measures to learn the details that would ures to learn the details that would

Recognition of New Government.

lear up the matter of Carranza's The legal procedure for the estabthe constitutional president. The con

lishment of a government in Mexico has not been altered by the death of stitution of 1917 provides that in the the cause by the Thomas Cusack Comevent of the death or inability of the pany, which Mr. Kettler represents. president to govern occurring after the first two years of his rule, congress shall name an ad interim president. No provision is made for direct su No provision is made for the commentation of congress in taken in the calling of congress in special session for May 24, when a

Temporarily in Charge.



FEWER WORKERS

former figure of 107,000, when the commission was preparing its report, and with the reductions soon by the War Department the figure is expected to sink to 92,000.

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Agriculture, owing to the failure to secure appropriations desired, and reductions in other departments, will

Instead of being de funct, the reclassification commission proved to be very much alive today, although there has been a general disposition to believe, both on the part of some members of Congress and the public, that the commission

ceased March 12 last, when it made its report to Congress. A decision of Controller Warwick A decision of Controller Warwick of the Treasury, however, has made it plain that the law which created the reclassification commission did not limit the life of the reclassification body. Accordingly, a staff of by the adjutant general, and the aumen and women has been quietly at thorities at Governors Island notified. work at the old headquarters, sandwiched in with the pulsing life of the tailed census bureau, at work on the new North

census figures. Considering Details. Perhaps the most vital work of the nineteen commission workers, who operate under the general directions of the reclassification commission, is that perhaps the statement of the perhaps t reclassification commission, is that per-taining to the monthly records of all the departments and their bureaus. It is from these records that the figures given above were procured. During the active work of the reclassification body on its report the departments and bureaus sent twice a month records of al

co-operation of the departments, despite cated the truth of the prisoner's the fact that protest was made by a statement that he had buried \$150.000 section of one of the largest departing gold in a metal container at a spot ments against the practice. Superno one else could find. This letter visory officials generally realize that to said, in part:

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"We are requesting no privilege crds of the commission absolutely up to only the necessary liberty of action, date is highly essential, especially when the report of the reclassification commission comes up for consideration in wanted to. Notwithstanding the

Hundreds of Tables Produced. The completion of the elaborate statistical tables upon which the com

made its report to Congress has occupied the nineteen workers since March 12. As the result of this work Congress has in its possession hun-

co-operation urged by Clark Griffith as necessary to bring about the en-franchisement of residents of the District is furnished in the offer of Milton A. Kettler to have painted, without charge, on space in the ball park donated by the Washington club the sign reading: "Americanize the Washingtonian"

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labor involved, the offer may be considered a generous contribution to

FIRE DESTROYS LUMBER. \$500,000 Loss From Flames a Cleveland Plant.

CLEVELAND, May 22.-Fire of un Mexico City press advices received here today quote one Sanchez Azoona, temporarily in charge of the Mexican foreign office, as saying that the revolutionary authorities are "giving careful consideration to the best manner of complying with foreign (Continued on Page 2, Column 3) (Continued on Page 2. Column 3)

SECRETARY BAKER **DENIES HE GRANTED** BERGDOLL PAROLE

Holds Draft Dodger's Counsel Responsible for Return

of Fugitive.

Grover Cleveland Eergdoll, rich iraft dodger, who escaped from two Army sergeants at Philadelphia yesterday, was permitted to leave Fort Jay on representation of his counsel that he had secreted a large sum of money in a place known only to himself, Secretary Baker said today in a

formal statement.

Mr. Baker denied published reports that he had authorized the moving of Bergdoll, and paid his first knowledge that the prisoner had left Fort Jay was when Adjt. Gen. Harris reported his escape. The Secretary added that on receiving this report he "directed an immediate and thorough investigation." Holds Counsel Responsible.

second statement issued at the War Department shortly after noon today indicated that the department would depend on Col. Samuel T. Ansell, former adjutant general, and Col. Edward S. Bailey, also a former Army officer, as attorneys for Bergdoll, to cfficer, as attorneys for Bergdoll, to return their client. This second statement said, in part:

"The attorneys for Bergdoll are in honor bound to return the prisoner to the disciplinary barracks, and the War Department expects them, through the offer of a suitable reward and other proper means, to apprehend Bergdoll at the earliest prac-

prehend Bergdoll at the earliest prac prehend Berguon at the current ticable date.

"The regular award of \$50, authorized by law for the apprehension of an escaped military prisoner, is totally inadequate in a case of this

Reclassifiers Predict Reduction Below 90,000 in D. C.

After July 1.

Government employes in the District of Columbia will be reduced in numbers to less than 90,000 after July 1, according to the belief of reclassification officials who are keeping the records of the reclassification officials who are keeping the records of the reclassification body up to date at the headquarters at 4½ street and Missouri avenue.

The number of federal employes here now stands in the records of the commission at 99,000, instead of the former figure of 107,000, when the commission was preparing its report, and with the reductions soon by the War Department the figure is expected to sink to 92,000.

Version Given by Attorneys.

At the offices of Ansell & Bailey, in the Riggs building, a statement was issued over the signature of the two attorneys telling in detail the manner in which it was arranged with the War Department said the Washington firm had been retained in the Bergdoll case about six weeks ago by D. C. Gibboney, a Philadelphia attorney representing Bergdoll, and it was at Mr. Gibboney's request that the application was made for Bergdoll's trip, which resulted in his escape.

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to my attention yesterday afternoor bring the number down below 90,000, it is anticipated.

At Work on Personal Records.

At Work on Personal Records. ing on the personnel records of the Bergdoll's part, and did not know headquarters. Instead of the that he had been broadened by that he had been brought from the prison at Governors Island, or that there was any intention of bringing him. After his escape I was informed that Gen. Ansell and Col. Bailey, coun-

his party was then to proceed to the place where the money was supposed to be hidden.

"The details of his escape are variously reported. As soon as the mat-ter was brought to my attention I di-rected an immediate and thorough investigation of the entire matter, and that every effort be made to capture the fugitive."

Gen. Ansell's Letter. sent twice a month records of all changes, transfers and other data relational to Adjt. Gen. Harris in arranging for Bathhouse Extended and Provided

This work is being kept up, with the 11, and said that circumstances indi-

enission comes up for consideration in congress. along with the bill which it presented as a part of the report. wanted to. Notwithstanding the guard, as his counsel I stand responsible for his primpt return to prison sible for his primpt return to prison same regulations as were in force without advantage to him other than that involved in the object of this

immediately. It seems reasonable and lotted to men and boys. There are right to me and also to you, and I now 2,000 lockers in all, 400 in the hope—and doubt not—that it will seem so to the Secretary." To this Gen. Ansell received the

Congress has in its possession hundreds of unique tables.

Some series of the statistical work contain different tables, each worked out by electrical punching machines beyond chance of error, and presenting the very latest data on the government service in the National Capital.

It is now believed that no other capital in the world possesses such a fund of statistical data on its civil service workers as does the United States Capital.

To this Gen. Ansell received the following reply from the adjutant general's office:

"In reference to your confidential letter of May 11, 1920, addressed to Gen. Harris, the instructions have been mailed this date to the commandant, Atlantic branch, United States disciplinary barracks, Governors Island, New York. He is authorized to complete arrangements with your or with your representatives in New York for the purpose and has been told that one of the counsel will accompany the expedition."

The version of the escape of Berg-doll given out by the War Depart-ment today indicated that the escape was made possible by an eleventh-hour change of plans. The War De-

Washingtonian."

This appeal for the ballot for the voteless capital will extend the entire length of the left field bleachers in letters of huge dimensions. Considering the cost of the material and letters of huge dimensions. Considering the cost of the material and letters of huge dimensions. Considering the cost of the material and letters of huge dimensions. Considering the cost of the material and letters of Philadelphia, and attorney for letters of the material and le to the place where the money was hidden.

Taken to Mother's Home. "Upon arrival of the guard and Bergdoll at North hPiladelphia, they were informed by Mr. Gibboney that the automobile secured for the trip rethe automobile secured for the trip required certain repairs, and at Mr. Gibboney's request Bergdoll was taken to the home of his mother in Philadelphia to await the completion of these repairs. While at his mother's home he escaped from the guard. The details of the escape have not been reported officially to the War Department. "Under the plan agreed upon by Maj. Hunt and Mr. Bailey, it was distinctly understood that Bergdoll would not stop in Philadelphia longer than necessary to change from the train to an automobile."



Commissioner.

from automobiles for the upkeep of the roads, Commissioner Brownlow

Work on Benning Road.

Among the stretches of road or

Barry place; Georgia avenue, from Euclid to Harvard streets, and Bla-

Favors Change in Tax.

lace informed the council of ambas-

BANKS ADVISED TO CALL LOANS ON SUGAR DEALERS New Laws Necessary to Use

Reserve Board Federal Takes Another Step to

Bring Down Prices. Supplementing the action of the bankers' conference here Tuesday, the pointed out today.

Federal Reserve Board was understood today to have taken another step to aid in driving down prices. Gov. Harding has intimated to federal reserve bank officials that they should carefully scrutinize the paper they hold carefully scrutinize the paper they hold as security for loans made to the sugar trade, to the end that more sugar may

contained in Mr. Harding's communi-cation to the bank heads was that they should obtain early payment of they should obtain early payment to sugar dealers where such have any appearance of being used for speculative purposes. This will have the inevitable effect of forcing some stocks on the market, according

as certain that the banks would are the appropriations each year for the thus held and would force their dis-

TIDAL BASIN BATHING **BEACH READY TO OPEN**

With 800 Additional Lockers.

The municipal bathing beach at the beginning to show improvement as cars owned by the different railroads. tidal basin will open next Saturday a result of the work of the repair. The New England roads, compris-The municipal bathing beach at the

The "beach" has been enlarged and

otherwise improved. It will again be managed by Gordon Leach, and will be operated under practically the last summer.

The bathhouse has been extended and provided with 800 more lockers

"I hope this request may be granted and showers, all in the section alsection for women and girls, and 1,600 in the section for men and boys. with showers in proportion. As each locker can be utilized by two bathers there is provision for 4,000 bathers at the same time. The bathing beach itself has been extended 100 feet along the shore, and the entire bathing area covered with four inches of sand, so that it now affords ample facilities for 4,000 persons, the full capacity of the bathhouse.

Certain changes have been made in the entrances to the bathhouse and the entrances to the standard of bandling the growd the method of bandling the growd the second control of the standard of bandling the growd the second control of the standard of bandling the growd the growd from automobiles he ing area covered with four inches of capacity of the bathhouse.

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seeking the use of lockers, refresh-ment booths, etc. There are separate entrances for men and women. At each entrance two lines will be formed, one line going to lockers on the right hand and the other line going to lockers on the left hand. That system has been adopted to avoid congestion at the entrances and to facilitate the movement of the bath ers. A refreshment booth has been provided for the new section.

All the new work at the bathing beach was supervised by Francis F. Gillen of the office of public buildings

Tuesday **Economy Day** for Men

If you will grasp the opportunity offered by some of the leading men's wear establishments to make your purchases on Tuesday you will hand old H. C. L. another jolt.

Your opportunity will appear in Monday's Star.

AUTO REVENUE NOT ORGANIZED EFFORT A D. C. ROAD FUND TO BREAK FREIGHT JAM IS EXTENDED It as Such, Says

New legislation would have to be enacted by Congress to permit the District to use the revenue derived

The Commissioner sald he had not tangling the freight transportation studied the suggestion sufficiently to jam to watch results of its first steps

before the city heads Monday morn- the carriers, conferences between the ing, when the committee representing commissioners and railroad officials various organizations will be granted a hearing on the road situation. eer Commissioner, does not believe Congress would consent to the use of automobile revenues for upkeep

Efforts in This City.

sources as garbage disposal and the sale of products at Occoquan go into the Treasury.

forwarding of freight will begin Monday in Washington, as well as the following cities:

Barry place; Georgia avenue, from Euclid to Harvard streets, and Bladensburg road, from Lewis street to 16 per cent fewer cars than it owns the District line.

L. R. Grabill, superintendent of county roads, is endeavoring to fill the process of t county roads, is endeavoring to fill has only about half of its total owned in the worst holes in all of the main coal cars.

Group "A" in the south, including the road, \$20,000.

For the purpose of preparing the

Group "A" in the south, including the road, \$20,000.

For the purpose of preparing the main responsible for increased the coast lines, has 46 per cent more box cars and 10 per cent fewer coal cars. Group "B," farther west, has German war, \$75,000.

To enable the Secretary of Labor them. I do not speak extravagantly Wade H. Coombs, superintendent of licenses, said today he is in favor of a change in the method of taxation on cent fewer coal cars.

there are 73 per cent more coal cars and 16 per cent fewer box cars than the roads in that district own. Canapointed out, because 26 per cent of the machines in the District are class-the machines in the District are class-box car equipment.

no personal tax is collected. Total of \$382,057 Collected. The amount collected last year for automobile tags was \$182.057 and the amount of personal tax paid on automent issued last night in Chicago by mobiles last year was \$200,000. This is a total of \$382.057. mobiles last year was \$200,000. This is a total of \$382.057.

Mr. Coombs predicts that there will be 60,000 machines in the District next year. Estimating the average car at twenty-five horsepower, a tax tions, the statement warns, show of 50 cents per horsepower would that some plants may have to shut or so cents per horsepower would bring in approximately \$750,000 a year, instead of half that amount down on account of the lack of cars. Packers' Situation.

It is believed that motorists would not object to this amount of automo-bile tax if the money is to be devoted upkeep of the roads. U. S. TO TAKE ROLE OF

ARMENIA ARBITRATOR sadors today that President Wilson had announced that the United States would accept the role of arbitrator in fixing the boundaries of Armenia. The announcement of the Presi-

Conferences Kept Up While

express his view of it at this time. taken in this direction. The proposal will be placed formally While no new orders were issued to

> continued. These meetings, it is understood, had to do with the general It is believed such means may be members of the Senate committee taken to speed up the execution of orders already promulgated.
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> Formation of committees at thirty principal rail centers to supervise the the prices charged here.

him. After his escape I was informed that Gen. Ansell and Col. Bailey, counsel for Bergdoll, some days ago represented to the adjutant general that Bergdoll, prior to his arrest, had seplace known only to himself, and had made application to have Bergdoll by his lawyers to get the money.

"This arrangement was authorized by the adjutant general, and the authorities at Governors Island detailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to the banks would be the banks would be commissioner. "and the Engineer Commissioner, "and the Engineer Commissioner, "and the Engineer Commissioner, "and discuss the move. They said, however, that any such action would be enshiper and a representative of the bill of the banks had been place known only to himself, and had made application to have Bergdoll to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to take Regarded to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to take Regarded to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed a greated to locate any stocks of sugar tailed and the locate and the engineer Commissioner, "and the engineer Commissioner, "and the engineer Commissioner, "and the engineer discourte discourte the bill be saked to the sugar to take the suggestion of

The committees formed to supervise

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Maj. F. S. Besson, assistant engineer commissioner, said today that work will be started in about a week on the resurfacing of Benning road from 15th and H streets to the end of the present paving near 28th street. The job will cost \$39,000. present paving near 28th street. The job will cost \$33,000.

At present there is an asphalt driveway in the center of the road, with block on either side of it. It is planned to take up the block and resurface the full width of the road with asphalt.

Several of the suburban roads are Several of the suburban roads are no hand compared with the freight cars owned by the different railroads.

Galveston, Atlanta, San Francisco, Dallas, Toledo and Chicago.

Why the commission resorted to the ginning of the new uscal year. All who wish to resign before July 1 also may have their transportation paid to their homes under the amendment. The provision applies only to those employes who have come to the District since April 6, 1917. The New England roads, comprising group "A" of the eastern district, have on hand 41 per cent more box cars than they own and 68 per cent more coal cars. The former are needed in the grain belt, while the latter are necessities in moving coal from the Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields.

The Allegheny district, including most of the great coal carriers, has the composition of the purchase, by condemnation or otherwise, of land lying between the present western boundary of the National Zoological Park and Connection to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody must devote a little more 'high tension' to save, and everybody more than the co-operation of business men and bankers. There must be co-operation of the National Gallery of Art by the Smith. which repairs have been started are: Connecticut avenue, from Pierce Mill road to the circle; Calvert street, from Connecticut avenue to 32d street; 16th street, from Military road northward; 8th street, from Florida avenue to ginia fields

Demands in Northwest. In the northwest, where the denands for box cars are most insistent.

The reduced quota of refrigerator bill the proposed amendment to the cars apportioned to the packing industries by the Interstate Commerce Commission threatens the nation's available for the use of the railroads, Thomas E. Wilson, president of the Institute of American Packers, in

The statement, in part, continued: The statement, in part, continued:
"Other plants have been forced to
effect a 50 per cent curtailment in
the production of meat, and some of
these are on the point of stopping
operations entirely. No packer owns
enough refrigerator cars to take care
of his own business. The large packers are compelled to rely on railroad
owned cars for 25 to 35 per cent of
their requirements, and the smaller
packers depend largely on these common carriers.

packing industry are recognized and filled in order to protect the consumer, but the Interstate Commerce Commission has diverted to other uses a considerable share of the quota usually assigned and urgently needed to move the immediately to civilian meat. As a consequence labor is being laid off, and the quantity of live stock dressed is being reduced. "Unless this condition is remedied, a shortage of meat, which has become the conomicted military committee.

Kahn of the House military committee military fashion, and we shall be in it economically and politically for many years after our last soldier is with-drawn from Europe. How idle it is for ment to insist that this nation shall live in isolation. It cannot live apart from the world. It is hopelessly entrained whether they should be brought to whether they should be brought to trial for any offense committed durging serious disturbances here.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED TREASURY HEAD ON CONGRESS' RECESS

ment or recess of Congress over the political conventions was reached today at the conference of republican

to press appropriation bills and conference reports. Senator Kenyon of Iowa, heading a group of senators favoring prompt action on the packer regulation bill, did not attend the conference, but he appropried later that ference, but he announced later that he would support the conference pro-gram, but would attempt to call up the measure ahead of any other bill. He said he thought there were enough votes to insure bringing it up before adjournment.

Some leaders said that if the appropriation bills and other legislation now in conference could be completed by June 5 an adjournment sine die might be possible.

No definite plans for a recess over the national convention period or adjournment could be made, prominent republicans stated, because of uncertainty of the soldier relief legislation in the House and President Wilson's possible action regarding additional convention of the soldier relief legislation in the House and President Wilson's possible action regarding additional conventions. son's possible action regarding adjournment plans, the peace resolution and the Versailles treaty.

to the sundry civil appropriation bill, reported yesterday afternoon to the Senate by the appropriations committee.

The text of the amendment follows:

When one has a difficult situation to face it is essential that he keep himself well in hand, but it is equally necessary that he look the facts squarely in the face. Industrially, this nation is in a fundamentally sound position, but there are tensored the face in the fac

hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation as to the comparative cost and quality of gas turnished the government and private consumers in the District of Columbia and report the result of the investigation to Congress on or before the make an investigation as to the com-parative cost and quality of gas tur-nished the government and private consumers in the District of Columbia and report the result of the investi-gation to Congress on or before the Dig Out Cars.

The Interstate Commerce Commission paused today in jts task of unclaim paused today in jts task of unclaim the Craight transportation consumed by the government. The consumed by the government. The consumed by the government as committee was directed to the gas price when representatives of the company asked that an increase be allowed in the price charged for gas consumed by the government. The

consumed by the government. The government price is 70 cents, as compared with 95 cents for the private consumers in Washington. Believe Bureau Well Equipped. Although the Public Utilities Com-

increases made by the Senate com-mittee included \$1,436,000 for inland and coastwise waterways, \$2,000,000

to continue the investigation touching when I say that for seven years I women in industry, \$75,000.

For purchasing and supplying uniforms to the Capitol police, \$8,000.

For purchasing and supplying uniforms to the Capitol police, \$8,000. For repairs, improvement and equip- as I have in seeking them

ASKS OFFICERS BE HELD. Secretary Baker Objects to immu-

AND ECONOMY

Public Clamor for Funds May Increase Taxes.

They Understood Situation BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

No man is closer to President Wilof the Wilson administration on financial and economic questions than the present Secretary of the Treasury, D. F. Houston. His opinions as to the DRICE OF GAS HERE

business and financial outlook and thoughts on the world situation are, therefore, an authoritative expression of the policies of the United States government at the present moment. Mr. Houston was asked by the writer to discuss various phases of the credit flurry and economic upheavel which America is experiencing. Here are some of the Secretary's thoughts as he penned them:

"First, there is no essential reason why this nation should not continue financially on a sound and safe footing. There is no present cause for alarm. It is important that we shall at no time become alarmed or lose our heads. Panics are the result in part of unwholesome states of mind. When one has a difficult situation to face it is essential that he keep himbusiness and financial outlook and

The text of the amendment follows: dencies which must be controlled.

"That the bureau of standards is "Undue credit expansion must not be rest and strikes.

Discount Increase Not Er "Second Increase Not Enough.

"Second. Increases in the discount rates alone, influential as they may be, will not suffice. The intelligent and effective co-operation of business men through the exercise of discrimination in industrial extensions and through restraint in their denainds for credit, and especially of all bankers in extending accommodations, is of the first importance.

"Third. Until recently the government seemed to be in a position where it could go forward with existing tax provisions and meet its ob-

ligations from tax receipts with oc-casional resort to temporary borrow-ing through tax certificates; but the situation has recently threatened to be changed for the worse. The rail-road legislation has placed a burden of automobile revenues for upkeep of the roads instead of making appropriations for the roads each year.

"Such an arrangement would be the same as a revolving fund," said the Engineer Commissioner. "and Congress has several times discouraged the suggestion of the Commissioners that other District enterby the Senate committee. It provides that no new government publications shall be jissued without congressional authority.

Reduction From Last Year.

Reporting out the bill, the Senate committee recommended a total of \$1440,023,000 for governmental activities covered by the measure. This was \$208,655,000 less than appropriated for the same purposes last year, and \$398,462,000 less than estimates submitted by executive departments. Increases made by the Senate committee included \$1,136,000 for inland mittee included \$1,136,000 for inland the body politic, and the equally striking thing about this bonus proposal is that very few people in responsible positions in Washington to the body politic, and the equally to the body politic, and the equally striking thing is that few of them have the courage to say so and to Omaha, Seattle, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Youngstown, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Norfolk, New York, St. Louis, Boston, Denver, Philadelphia, Buffelo, boys who patriotically responded to the call of country would ask this subsidy if they knew what it involved. And if I were mistaken, I should be

greatly depressed over the fate of Business Men Must Co-Operate.

Fourth. The immediate need is for business men, and particularly for member banks, to co-operate with the member banks, to co-operate with the officers of the federal reserve system and the Treasury. The problem is theirs quite as definitely as it is the officials. But there must be something more than the co-operation of

and not executive departments are it "Sixth. The excess profits tax is not all evil. It has good features. It is

productive of revenue. It reaches some real profiteers. But it tends to promote waste. It works unequally and capriciously. It depends upon and capriciously. It depends upon mere accident of form of corporate organization. It punishes conservative organization. It punishes conservative business and rewards and promotes, which was recently reported by the Senate interstate commerce committee.

It struck from the bill the House provisions creating a national budget system. The budget bill is now in conference between the two houses, and the committee determined that the wiser course was to await final adjustment of this measure.

organization. It punishes conservative business and rewards and promotes, stock watering. Many of the corporations watering set off very lightly because they are so generously capitalized, and the tax is now confined to a part of business. It does not apply to all business conservative business and rewards and promotes, stock watering. Many of the corporations of very lightly because they are so generously capitalized, and the tax is now confined to a part of business. cerns more nearly on the same basis

Cool Judgment Needed. "Seventh. What we need nowadays is cool judgment, regard for facts and courage to follow conclusions based on them. Let us have debate, criticism nity for Discharged Men.

Army officers separated from the military service, but charged with offenses committed while in the service, would not be immune from courtmartial proceedings ander a proposed amendment to the articles of war, sent by Secretary Baker to Chairman wars hefore we entered it formally in Ordinarily the necessities of the packing industry are recognized and filled in order to protect the consumer, but the Interstate Commerce Commission has diverted to other uses a considerable share of the moment of the first movement of the German troops. We were in it years before we entered it formally in military fashion, and we shall be in it economically and politically for many officers dround to the articles of war, of the German troops. We were in it years before we entered it formally in military fashion, and we shall be in it economically and politically for many officers dround to the first movement of the German troops. We were in it years before we entered it formally in the moment of the first movement of the German troops. producing serious disturbances here